



The Big Sky Country

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPONSOR'S REBUTTAL TO FISCAL NOTE

House Bill Number: HB575

Date Prepared: 2/24/2015

Short Title: Providing transparency for state-administered grants

Sponsor: Representative Burnett

Generally, why do you disagree with the fiscal note?

The sponsor called a database and website engineer. He said that it is unlikely the Grant management Information System lacks flexibility to easily add new data fields, especially of simple data types like date, dollar amount and description. The bill necessitates no costly logical programming. \$8,000 to add data fields, to this engineer, was inexplicably high.

Specifically, what in the fiscal note do you feel is flawed?


(Describe specific assumptions, calculations, technical issues, etc.)

OBPP asks 1F.T.E to build the website and maintain it. Public domain code, very likely available from another Montana state website such as the leased properties site, or an off-the-shelf package would probably be available. This is not a high-end application.

What is your estimate of the fiscal impact?

OBPP and agencies can list, gather and post grant data without expending \$94,010 or the other amounts in the fiscal note.

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